

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 78

By Miller J

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Raymond Miller of  
Bradley County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Raymond Miller; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller was an exemplary American who embodied the spirit of patriotism and devotion to God and country; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Miller was a native of Johnson City, Tennessee, and a graduate of Science Hill High School; and

WHEREAS, his sense of duty to his country was evidenced by his military career of six years: three years in the United States Air Force and three years with the Tennessee National Guard; and

WHEREAS, from 1952 to 1953, he nobly served in the Korean War and was awarded the United Nations Service Ribbon, National Defense Ribbon, Korean Campaign Medal with three bronze battle stars, the Korean Presidential Citation and two good conduct medals; and

WHEREAS, upon his discharge in 1953, Mr. Miller attended East Tennessee State University, Cleveland State College and Tusculum College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Miller continued to show his love of country by joining and becoming active in the Kings Mountain American Legion Post in Johnson City and his local Veterans of Foreign Wars and involving himself in numerous community activities and organizations; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Mr. Miller was transferred to Cleveland, Tennessee, by his long-time employer, Westvaco Container Corporation, as an Area Manager in production and quality improvement; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Miller quickly became an outstanding member of the local veterans groups he joined, American Legion Post 81 and VFW Post 2598, in Cleveland and subsequently served as Commander and Quartermaster as well as a member of the House Committee of Post 2598; and

WHEREAS, he also served ably on the Executive Committee of Post 81 for the last decade and was Chairman of the Veterans Assistance Council, an organization which serves the less fortunate families and children of the community; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Miller felt very deeply that the veterans of this great nation should be remembered and that their sacrifices, deeds and beliefs be honored by those privileged to live today in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller was instrumental in the honoring of veterans of Bradley County honored at the annual Veterans Day program at Johnston Park and the Memorial Day Service at Fort Hill Cemetery in an appropriate manner; and

WHEREAS, his planning and coordinating of the Veterans Day program culminated in his annual presentation of the "Patriotic Veteran's Award"; and

WHEREAS, it is very fitting and appropriate that such award has been renamed and shall hence forward be known as "The Raymond Miller Patriotic Award"; and

WHEREAS, Raymond enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Margaret, and was the proud father of sons, Tim and Tony; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Miller leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is proper that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional veteran and great Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Raymond Miller, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Raymond Miller.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.